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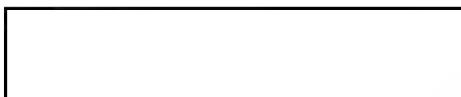


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*United Nations: Delegates to the week-old General Assembly session are looking hopefully to the talks between President Johnson and Premier Kosygin, as public debate and private maneuvers over steps to end the Arab-Israeli diplomatic impasse continue.

UN delegates were generally encouraged by the evident cordiality of the summit talks and from the announced continuance of the dialogue on Sunday. According to press reports, UN representatives expected that significant progress might be made on a nuclear non-proliferation treaty, and some hope was held out for agreement on certain phases of the Middle East crisis.

Meanwhile, efforts to work out a compromise solution which might gain General Assembly approval continued in low gear. The Latin Americans reported little progress on their resolution. [The nonaligned group, in which India and Yugoslavia have taken the lead, is evidently being restrained by some of the Arabs who are still clinging to the hope that the Soviet resolution might be approved. A member of the Soviet Mission to the UN has told the Canadians that the Soviets realize their resolution cannot get a majority.]

[Secretary Rusk sounded out French-speaking African delegations on 22 June and found them largely unswayed by De Gaulle's pronouncements. Their views were close to those set forth in the US resolution--the main difficulty being the "US label." A member of the Rumanian delegation has even claimed that the "Arabs," otherwise unspecified, consider the substance of the US resolution "not bad" but they could not accept it because it was a "US draft."]

In the Assembly session of 23 June, Rumanian Premier Maurer called for an Israeli withdrawal from Egyptian, Syrian and Jordanian territory but failed to

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back Soviet demands for punishment of Israel. [Maurer reportedly plans to meet today with Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Gideon Rafael, Israel's Ambassador to the UN.]

U Thant has told Indonesian Foreign Minister Malik that he thinks he senses an emerging consensus in favor of the withdrawal of Israeli forces, the presence of a UN force at Sharm ash-Shaykh, a general statement in favor of free passage in Suez and Aqaba, a demilitarized zone in the Syrian hills, and the acceptance of Israel's sovereignty.

The Assembly stands in recess until 26 June. King Husayn of Jordan is scheduled to speak either then or on the 27th.

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